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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 1:35 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Kowall (C), Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter, Smith

Excused: Hildenbrand

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Smith, that the committee adopt the minutes of June 8, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:
(Testimony Only)

- SB 410 Sen. Richardville - Transportation; funds; a new international bridge crossing act; create.
- SB 411 Sen. Richardville - Transportation; authorities; authority created under the new international bridge crossing act; include as an eligible governmental agency under the state trunk line highway system act.

The following members of the Senate Economic Development Committee gave opening remarks relative to the creation of a New International Trade Crossing (NITC):

Senator Kowall
Senator Nofs
Senator Hansen
Senator Hunter
Senator Smith

Senator Kowall read into the record a letter from Senate Majority Leader Richardville requesting committee hearings on SB410 and SB411.

Senator Kowall read into the record an outline of possible topics and issues for discussion in future Economic Development Committee hearings.

Lieutenant Governor Calley gave a presentation in support of NITC, SB410, and SB411. During his presentation, Lieutenant Governor Calley read into the record a letter of support from The Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood. Lieutenant Governor Calley then answered questions from committee members.

Canadian Consul General Roy Norton and Helena Borges representing the Government of Canada gave verbal testimony in support of NITC, SB410, and SB411. Mr. Norton and Ms. Borges then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Kowall announced that due to time constraints, there would have to be a continuation of hearings held to allow for additional testimony. He relayed that the next scheduled Senate Economic Development Committee hearing relative to NITC, SB410, and SB411 will be June 16, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower. He then announced that if individuals could not return, everyone who submitted a testimony card and any written testimony submitted would have their positions documented into the record.

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Senator Nofs motioned to excuse Senator Hildenbrand from today's committee.
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: June 16, 2011

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)